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SUBJ: USG RELATIONS WITH GRENADA AND ACCREDITATION OF EMBASSY
OFFICERS

REFS: (A) BTN 0294 (B) STATE 059815 (C) STATE 190832 AND
217552 (1973) (D) BTN 1607 (1973) (E) BTN 0568

1. LETTER OF USG RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENT GRENADA DATED
FEBRUARY 4, SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND PRESENTED TO PRIME
MINISTER GAIRY BY THE AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 7 (REF A) NOT ONLY
EXTENDED RECOGNITION TO GOG BUT ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS CAN BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES."
DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED ADVISE EMBASSY WHAT ACTION IS BEING
TAKEN, OR NEEDS TO BE TAKEN, TO IMPLEMENT FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN USG AND GOG.

2. ONCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED, ACCREDI-
TATION OF EMBASSY OFFICERS IN BOTH CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC
STATUS CAN BE WORKED OUT (REF B). DECISION WAS TAKEN BY NSC-
IG/ARA DECISION MEMORANDUM NO. 1 OF FEBRUARY 27, 1973 THAT
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BRIDGETOWN SHOULD BE ACCREDITED TO GOG
FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE. THIS DECISION WAS CONFIRMED LAST FALL
BY (REF C), AND GAIRY WAS SO INFORMED BY AMBASSADOR IN
LETTER OF NOVEMBER 12, 1973 (REF D). ACCREDITATION OF
AMBASSADOR AND PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS, WHICH ARE STILL
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PENDING, COULD BE COMPLETED IN EARLY MAY WHEN AMBASSADOR EXPECTS

ATTEND CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ANNUAL BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING IN GRENADA MAY 2-3, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS AND MAKES APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

3. FACT THAT NEARLY TWO MONTHS AFTER GRENADA'S INDEPENDENCE USG HAS NOT FORMALLY ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND ACCREDITED AN AMBASSADOR SEEMS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL AND COULD INHIBIT OUR ABILITY TO CONDUCT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF U.S. CITIZENS AND PROPERTY THERE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT NOW THAT GAIRY HAS RESOLVED PORT STRIKE AND GRENADA IS HOPEFULLY RETURNING TO NORMAL, DEPARTMENT FOCUS ON TAKING ACTION DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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